

Port of Grays Harbor

Grain Terminal Loop Track

Why is freight rail service important?

Washington's freight rail network is a very important part of the state's overall transportation system. Shipping products by rail helps preserve roads, reduces highway congestion, saves fuel, and improves air quality. In addition, Washington's port facilities play a critical role in the economic well being of the state, as these facilities support thousands of family wage jobs.



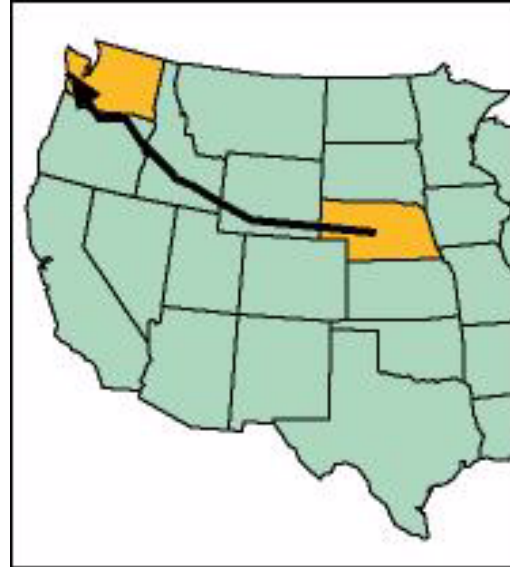
Why is WSDOT contributing funds for track improvements at the Port of Grays Harbor?

The port currently does not have sufficient rail capacity to handle grain trains, which can be as long as 6,000 ft. In order to accommodate these trains, a 7,200 ft. loop track will be constructed next to a new grain elevator that has been built on port property. This will permit the efficient loading of grain onto ships bound for Asia.

The end result

The project is expected to generate monthly ship calls at the port and add diversity to the port's forest-products dependent traffic base. This new port traffic is expected to create and preserve longshoreman, local bar pilot, and stevedore family-wage jobs. Also, the added track capacity

Grain shipments arrive by train from the Midwest bound for overseas export



Ship being loaded with grain



Project Facts

- The Port of Grays Harbor lacks rail capacity to hold long unit trains.
- A new 7,200 ft. loop track will be constructed in Aberdeen to help with the efficient transfer of midwestern grain from rail cars to ships bound for Asia.
- The project will help preserve jobs, preserve state highways, support continued growth at the port, and support the operations of the Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad.

will produce an estimated 2,500 carloads annually on the Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad, which is the only rail carrier serving Aberdeen, Hoquiam, and the Port of Grays Harbor.

What are the project timelines?

Construction of the track will be completed by June 2003.

What is being done to protect the environment?

Rail transportation per ton-mile requires less fuel and produces less pollution than other forms of transportation. Each grain hopper car that will be delivered to the Port of Grays Harbor when the

loop track is completed has the storage capacity of four grain trucks. This translates into significant fuel and pollution savings for the people.

Government-to-government tribal consultation process

This process is not applicable because the project does not impact tribal lands.

Financial Information

The Port of Grays Harbor Grain Terminal Track Improvement is a one-time appropriation of \$2.2 million not including administration costs. \$1.5 million from the Port of Grays Harbor and \$5.0 million in private sector investment will match state funds.

Expenditure Plan

	Prior Expenditures	Remaining Costs	Total
State Funds		\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000
Funds from Port of Grays Harbor and Others		\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000
Funded subtotal		\$8,700,000	\$8,700,000
Unfunded amount			
Total Cost			\$8,700,000

Financial data is current as of 10/01/01.

How can I get more information?

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